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Subject: Indiana's Historic Bridge Inventory,
60-day public review of National Register Eligibility Results

As part of the ongoing statewide historic bridge inventory program, INDOT invites individuals and groups to comment on the draft report recommending bridges eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). INDOT has posted this two-volume at <http://www.in.gov/indot/6959.htm> for a 60-day public review from April 1 through May 31, 2008.

Volume 1 describes the process used to evaluate bridges and Volume 2 includes a list of bridges recommended eligible and a list of bridges recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register as part of the inventory.

Guidance to complete your review:

- Comments on Volume 1 should include the section and page number.
- Comments on Volume 2 should identify the bridge by county, bridge number.
- To recommend a change in the eligibility recommendation, please explain the engineering and/or historic significance the bridge possesses and how its current condition reflects that significance. If possible, reference which criteria, category and/or item of significance the bridge meets as set out in Volume 1.

Submit comments by completing the on-line form available on the project website at <http://www.in.gov/indot/6955.htm>, or by mail, email, or fax to the INDOT contact below:

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INDOT, assisted by historical and engineering consultants from Mead & Hunt, is in the process of completing Indiana's Historic Bridge Inventory. After consideration of comments received from interested parties, the Federal Highway Administration, in consultation with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and INDOT, will review and approve a final version of this report. In a subsequent step, eligible and listed bridges will be evaluated to determine a list of select and non-select bridge candidates. During a future public review period, interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the list of select bridge candidates.

Project information, including the Programmatic Agreement that established the statewide historic bridge preservation program, can be found on the project website at www.in.gov/indot/7035.htm.

We value your input and look forward to your participation in this process.

****Please note that supplemental information to the two-volume report listed above includes photographs and a database. These items will be available for download from the Federal Highway Administration's FTP server during the 60-day comment period. This supplemental information will also be available for review at a computer station at the Department of Natural Resource's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (SHPO) Records Check Room during the 60-day comment period. The SHPO office is located in the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis. Instructions on how to access the FTP server and the SHPO Records Check Room are included on the following page.**

HOW A GUEST CAN DOWNLOAD FILES FROM THE FHWA FTP SERVER:

1. Please click the following link to access the file.
<ftp://inguest:inguest@fhwaftp.fhwa.dot.gov/in/from/>
2. If the link does not work by clicking on it, please copy and paste the link into Internet Explorer.
3. If you are prompted to enter a username and password, please use 'inguest' (all lowercase) for both.
4. Once you are connected to the FTP server you will be presented with the file(s).
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7. A progress window will open. Once the download is complete you may repeat the process for other files(s), folder(s) or close the browser.

If you need assistance, please contact Robert Dirks at 317-226-7492, Robert.Dirks@fhwa.dot.gov or Laura Britton at 317-226-5323, Laura.Britton@fhwa.dot.gov

HOW TO VIEW THE SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS AT THE SHPO RECORDS CHECK ROOM:

1. Please make an appointment with Cathy Carson via telephone or email:
phone: 317-234-5254
email: ccarson@dnr.in.gov
2. Available appointment times will be from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday during the 60-day comment period.

****Please note that Tuesday May 6 and Monday May 26 are state holidays and the Records Check Room will not be open on these dates.**